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1. Appeal Brief, in triplicate;
2. Copy of October 10, 2001 Office Action, in triplicate;
3. Copy of Amendment filed in response to October 10, 2001 Office Action, in triplicate;
4. Copy of May 24, 2002 Office Action, in triplicate ;
5. Copy of Perez et al. reference, in triplicate;
6. Copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,712,262 reference, in triplicate; and
7. Copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,877,167 reference, in triplicate.

Applicants respectfully request a **three-month extension** of time in which to respond to the Notice of Appeal filed September 10, 2002 and stamped received by the United States Patent Office on September 16, 2002. A response was due on November 16, 2002. The extended period expires on February 16, 2003.

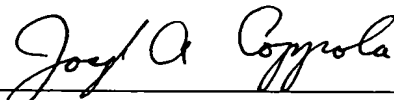
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